Merchantville, NJ January 27, 2014

A Caucus meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, January 27, 2014. Mayor Frank North presided. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer were observed. Announcement was made that the meeting had been advertised in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the "Open Public Meetings Act".

**ROLL CALL:** Council Present: Fields, Volkert, Grasso, Brennan, Perno and Sperrazza. Clerk Brouse, CFO Moules and Attorney Higgins were present.

### **PUBLIC**

**Bill Walker, 23 W. Cedar Avenue**-A resolution is on the agenda for Brown & Connery, can you tell me what it is for? Council stated that it is going to be discussed at private session. What is the status of the TCE Project and the Verizon lot lease? A meeting took place for TCE, but nothing has happened since then and we are still waiting to hear back from the contact at Verizon regarding the lease.

**ENGINEER REPORT**: none

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Budget-**Mrs. Moules gave attached schedule

**Copier leases in municipal offices**- The goal is to have one lease for all of the copiers needed in the Borough. Denise will have a meeting with all departments and get a spec out to the companies. When this is completed council will be given report with options and prices.

**Street Light Project-**CCHA-talk, R & V-overly of path. Dan and Anthony will walk path and work on process.

**Floor tile at various locations**-email Anthony results, get approval for future projects.

Mrs. Fields met with Curtis Myers of YMCA, to consider an additional program to the summer parks and playgrounds program. The cost would be \$190.00 per week and would need to have 19 children registered in order to run the program. Does the Borough want to do it? What would the Borough charge for rental Hall? They also may be interested in teen program as well during school year. Borough will need to contribute, offer financial aid because they are nonprofit. Things to consider include, long term effect on building, set up presentation for the February meeting.

Mr. Perno asked for an update on several buildings and grounds projects. The electric upgrades for Borough hall and the Fire house? The project was put on hold to determine the need and to decide on the type of generator. Please move forward on this project. Steps, walkway and path at the Community Center. Get a price for an architect or engineer to work on the drawing.

Update on shed for baseball? Not met yet

Police having issues with tree at back lot. Consider car port or tree removal.

Car Show-Ted stated they are retiring and will no longer be running it. The account will be changed and the property, email account, website and other items will be sorted and will be kept in building, there is

about \$5,262.00 in account. Will work with Task Force to spend the funds. Determine what we want to do regarding this year as soon as possible.

Green infrastructure, EIT Grants, funds storm water, R & V Move forward on RFP for lump authorization PW roof-flat roof

Resolutions for agenda-the following are business resolutions that will be included on the agenda for the council meeting:

Approve lawn service for the season-add circle
Approve vehicle for auction
Approve county office supply bid
Drug Alliance 2014-2019
Shared Service CFO
Shared Service Tax Collector
Tax Sale resolution
Grants

## R14-27 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A PRIVATE SESSION OF COUNCIL

**John Grasso** offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**WHEREAS,** Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.
- 2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

## **Pending Litigation**

- 3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter shall be made public.
- 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by **Anthony Perno** and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Fields	(x)	( )	( )	( )
Mr. Volkert	(x)	( )	( )	( )
Mr. Grasso	(x)	( )	( )	( )
Mr. Brennan	(x)	( )	( )	( )

Mr. Sperrazza	(x)	( )	( )	( )
Mr. Perno	(x)	( )	( )	( )

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## **Matters of Personnel**

- 3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter shall be made public.
- 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Seconded by **Anthony Perno** and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mrs. Fields	(x)	( )	( )	( )
Mr. Volkert	(x)	( )	( )	( )
Mr. Grasso	(x)	( )	( )	( )
Mr. Brennan	(x)	( )	( )	( )
Mr. Sperrazza	(x)	( )	( )	( )
Mr. Perno	( x)	( )	( )	( )

## MOTION TO ADJOURN:

On the motion of Mr. Volkert and second of Mrs. Fields, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

DENISE BROUSE
BOROUGH CLERK